

CONGRATULATING DAN GERAWAN
AND RICK SCHELLENBERG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dan Gerawan of Gerawan Farming and Rick Schellenberg of Schellenberg Farms for their part in "reinventing government," by helping to develop a new fruit inspection program known as "Partners in Quality" (PIQ), in Reedley, California.

"Partners in Quality" was initiated in California's tree fruit industry in 1998. It is a voluntary program designed to increase the quality of fruit and decrease the amount paid to the United States Department of Agriculture's inspectors. Participants in the program must prove to the USDA that their in-house quality control is good enough to stand on its own, without the need of continuous USDA inspection. Once the packinghouse has proven itself, the USDA periodically audits the packing house instead of inspecting the fruit continuously. Once the packing house volunteers for this program, the USDA imposes stricter tolerances on the participants than on the regular inspection procedures, to ensure a higher quality.

Rick Schellenberg, with the help of Dan Gerawan, spearheaded the implementation of PIQ for the packing industry. The Partners in Quality team includes several USDA and state agricultural department officials, as well as members of the California pear and Florida citrus industry.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dan Gerawan and Rick Schellenberg for their part in reinventing government. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dan and Rick many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. HAJDUK FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE BAYONNE CONTINGENT MARSHAL OF THE 2000 TRI-STATE PULASKI DAY PARADE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monsignor Edward J. Hajduk, pastor of St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church in Bayonne for being selected as the Bayonne Contingent Marshal of the 2000 tri-state Pulaski Day Parade.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Monsignor Hajduk established his faith and resolve at a young age through guidance from his parents, the late John and Mary Hajduk, and an education devoted to the Catholic faith. He received his undergraduate degree in Theology from Seton Hall University, his graduate degree in Theology from the Catholic University of America, and was awarded an M.S.E. degree from the graduate division of Pastoral Counseling at Iona College.

For almost half a century, since the day he was ordained in 1953, Monsignor Hajduk's extraordinary dedication to his church and his

community has been unparalleled. Moreover, his unwavering commitment to youth has allowed him to provide spiritual guidance to generations of young people, enriching their lives and strengthening their faith.

Monsignor Hajduk's service to the church has allowed him to contribute to the development and direction of the Catholic faith in general, and the Archdiocese of Newark in particular. Since 1953, Monsignor Hajduk served as: the parochial vicar of Sacred Heart in Lyndhurst; Bergen County Catholic Youth Organization moderator; a member of the Theology Department of Felician College; the youth director of the Archdiocese of Newark; chaplain to Pope John Paul II; administrator of the St. James Parish in Newark; rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral; parochial vicar at St. Mary's in Dumont; dean of the Central Bergen Deanery; and until 1992, pastor of St. Hedwig's in Elizabeth. He has also contributed to parish evaluation and reorganization, and has helped with church renovations.

For his extraordinary dedication to the Roman Catholic Church and his commitment to the City of Bayonne, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Monsignor Hajduk on his many accomplishments, and for being selected as the Contingent Marshal of the 2000 tri-state Pulaski Day Parade.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight cancellation, I was unavoidably detained in North Carolina yesterday and unable to cast a vote on rollcall votes 76, 77, 78 and 79. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 76, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2412. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 77, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to H. Con. Res. 292. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 78, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 269. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 79, to Agree to the Senate Amendments to H.R. 5, the Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act. I ask unanimous consent that the permanent record reflect these intended votes.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF MARKET DAY

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, for those who believe that one person cannot make a difference, I offer you the story of Trudi Temple and Market Day, the nation's first and only fundraising food cooperative, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

I am sure that many of my colleagues know about, and have even participated in, Market Day. Market Day donates a minimum of 10 percent of the purchase price of restaurant-quality food products to the school or commu-

nity organization from which they were purchased. Proceeds from Market Day sales are used by schools and community organizations to fund a variety of expenditures, including computers, fine arts programs, playground equipment, assemblies, books, and field trips.

How important has this been to our nation's schools? Well, in the last 25 years, Market Day has raised \$250 million, benefiting more than two million school children nationwide.

But before all these schools could reap the benefits of Market Day, someone first had to come up with this great idea. And what makes this so near and dear to my heart is that the story of Market Day begins in 1973 at Walker Elementary School in Clarendon Hills, Illinois—in the heart of my 13th Congressional District.

Trudi Temple was asked by her daughter to bake a cake for the school's annual fundraiser. Instead of a cake, Trudi brought cases of fresh produce to school. The produce was a hit with the kids, faculty, and parents—such a hit, in fact, that it led to the school's first "Produce Day" the following week.

Before long, "Produce Day" evolved into Market Day and other Chicago area schools selected the program as their primary fundraiser. Now it serves more than 6,000 schools and other community groups in 20 metropolitan areas across the United States.

We all know the challenges that our schools face in educating our children—and often additional funding is needed to overcome these challenges. In these days of tight budgets and property tax caps, schools must turn to non-traditional funding sources. Thanks to Trudi Temple and Market Day, schools have at least one more way to help improve our children's educational experience.

So I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Market Day on its 25th anniversary and extending a word of thanks on behalf of the millions of students Market Day has helped.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN HANSAN

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to John E. Hansas, a pioneer in the field of social policy and a tireless advocate for the elderly, whose contributions in these disciplines span 50 years and counting. Celebrating his 70th birthday today, "Jack" Hansas has effected profound social change throughout his life and career. From his social worker days at the Minute Circle Friendly House in Kansas City, Missouri, through his active duty service during the Korean War, to his stint as chief of staff for the Governor of Ohio, and on to Washington, Jack has left an indelible mark on millions of Americans.

Jack's acumen for assessing real world problems and successfully carrying out visionary social programs has been a constant throughout his professional life. In the early 1960's, Jack developed an innovative educational program to give inner-city, pre-school children in Cincinnati a head start before entering kindergarten. The "Tot Lots" program was successfully rolled out in the metropolitan area and become the framework for what is today's Head Start program. From this early